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A new club on Campus, Cell phones for Soldiers, seeks to gather student's old cell phones. Every old or broken cell phone donated is shipped to a company called ReCellular, which in turn gives money to Cell Phones for Soldiers to purchase and send out calling cards. For more information on this new club, read the story on page 4.

Career Center creates new Internship Challenge program to help students' career development

By SARA CESKY
NEWS EDITOR

Loyola University's Career Center is spearheading a new initiative for students this summer called the Internship Challenge.

The program has two purposes. The first is to increase internship opportunities for undergraduate students. The second is to provide an avenue for Alumni and parents to help students further their career development by providing internship opportunities at their companies.

In a press release sent about the program, the director of the Career Center, CreSaundra Sills, Ph.D., said "Real-life workplace experience is critical in helping our students develop the knowledge

and skills they need to navigate the job search as they prepare to graduate. We want to give our students every possible opportunity to become strong candidates for the positions they seek, and we also want them to develop the expertise and professional qualities to be successful in their future endeavors."

The goal of the program is to place 200 students, primarily Sophomores, in an internship this summer.

"The Career Center has spearheaded this new initiative, but the beauty of this program has been the collaboration from many different offices on campus. There has been a great team effort from Alumni Relations, Corporate Relations, The Sellinger School, Parent Relations & Parent Annual

Giving, and last but not least, Sophomore Initiatives. The work of all these offices has truly made the program what it is up to this point," said Internship Challenge Program Coordinators Dan Nieves and Christian Hayes.

Companies in a wide array of industries have been invited to provide internships for students through the Internship Challenge. Students who apply will be matched with internships based on the student's interests, skills, and prior experience to provide the best fit for both the student and the employer. Students who wish to partake in the Internship Challenge must complete an application, receive a résumé critique, and attend a mandatory workshop. Application information will be posted on the Career Center's website soon.

Ignatian Family Teach-In focuses on injustice, Jesuit martyrs

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On Thursday, November 19, a Loyola delegation of 24 members rode fourteen hours to Columbus, Georgia to take part in the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, an event held annually to commemorate the Jesuits and women killed in 1989 by members of the Salvadoran army, who had been trained at the School of the Americas.

The Loyola delegation's trip had three main components: the Teach-In in Columbus, the Q&A session at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA), and a vigil in front of WHINSEC's gates.

The combination of both the Teach-In for Justice and the SOA Vigil gave students a chance to learn about social justice issues and resources, and to share with a dynamic community. This year's theme for the Teach-In was "Presente," meaning "present," which encouraged all the participants to be present.

"Presente is what we call out as we process in remembrance of those who have passed. The theme framed my experience because for every social injustice, we were being present, not ignoring suffering in the world," said Dayna Pizzigoni, '07 and current Grad Student who attended the trip.

This idea of being "present" framed the Teach-In. Different speakers stressed the importance of being present in love and solidarity with people suffering injustices.

The speeches and break-out sessions not only educated students about the martyrs and the reasons to close WHINSEC as a step to find a better kind of foreign policy, but

also touch on other social justice issues to encourage them to be leaders for a change.

The sessions included information about wage theft, sweatshops and social justice, immigration, the current war, social immersion programs, post-graduate service and student activism.

"The whole experience epitomizes what it means to be 'contemplative in action,' which reflects and moves towards justice," said Ariell Watson, '11 and CCSJ's Ignatian family Teach-In/SOA student leader.

The 20th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs marked the last Teach-In in Georgia; the Ignatian Solidarity Network has decided to find other locations for future Teach-Ins. During that weekend it was announced that next year's Teach-In will take place from November 12-14, 2010 in Washington DC to have an opportunity to lobby for the closure of WHINSEC.

Margarita Dubocq, CCSJ's assistant director of poverty concerns and faith connections, said that she liked the Teach-In's focus this year because it stressed the "need to have love be a part of justice." This helped her to work against injustices without considering the people that represented SOA/WHINSEC as guilty or her enemies.

SOA, now known as WHINSEC, is the US Defense Department's principal Spanish-language training school for Latin American military personnel. Since its creation in 1946, SOA trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers on counter urgency techniques, counter-drug operations, psychological warfare, and interrogation techniques, among other military-related curricula.

Several graduates of this school have been accused of terrible human rights crimes in recent

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- Quotes of the Moment -

“The struggle against violent extremism will not be finished quickly, and it extends well beyond Afghanistan and Pakistan.”

-President Obama, speaking at West Point about military strategy

“These were serious mistakes, and we still don't feel like everything that should be known has been revealed.”

-Lori Haas, whose daughter Emily was killed in the Virginia Tech shootings of April 2007, responding to a new report critical of the university's early response.

Italian Jury Convicts U.S. Student of Murder

An American college student and her former Italian boyfriend were found guilty of murdering her housemate two years ago in a picturesque university town. Prosecutors had accused Amanda Knox, 22, then a student at the University of Washington who was studying there, and her boyfriend, at the time, Raffaele Sollecito, 25, of slitting the throat of her housemate, Meredith Kercher, 21, of Surrey, England, in November 2007 after a scuffle escalated into their coercing her into a sexual game. After deliberating for more than 12 hours, a jury of six civilians and two judges found Knox and Sollecito guilty on all the major charges.

College promotes medical marijuana

Med Grow Cannabis College has a curriculum based on the history, horticulture, and the legal how-to's of Michigan's new medical marijuana program. “This state needs jobs, and we think medical marijuana can stimulate the state economy with hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars,” said Nick Tennant, the 24-year-old founder of the college. Under the Michigan law, patients, whose doctors certify their medical need for marijuana, can grow up to 12 cannabis plants themselves.

New York State Senate Votes Down

The New York State Senate rejected a bill that would have allowed gay couples to wed. The 38-to-24 vote startled proponents of the bill and signaled that political momentum, at least right now, had shifted against same-sex marriage, even in heavily Democratic New York. It followed more than a year of lobbying by gay rights organizations, who steered close to \$1 million into New York legislative races to boost support for the measure. “Certainly this is an emotional issue and an important issue for many New Yorkers,” said Senator Tom Libous, the deputy Republican leader. “I just don't think the majority care too much about it at this time because they're out of work, they want to see the state reduce spending, and they are having a hard time making ends meet. And I don't mean to sound callous, but that's true.”

Four American teens arrested in Japan

Four American teenagers from an American military base in Japan were arrested for attempted murder for allegedly toppling a woman riding her motorbike, causing her to suffer a serious head injury. The 23-year-old motorbike rider suffered a fractured skull when she hit a rope that had been strung across a road by the four teenagers near the Yokota Air Base in Tokyo. The suspects are three boys and a girl, ages 15 to 18, and are all children of United States military personnel.



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Baltimore Mayor convicted for embezzlement

A jury convicted Mayor Sheila Dixon on one count of embezzlement for stealing gift cards meant for poor residents, while acquitting her of three other charges, including the most serious felony, theft charge. Dixon, whose conviction may force her from office, faced five theft-related charges, and the jury failed to reach a unanimous decision concerning one of them. The state prosecutor was undecided on whether to refile that charge. “The city will still continue to move forward,” Dixon said as she left the courtroom, adding that she was headed to City Hall to get back to work. She still faces a trial in March on two perjury counts stemming from an accusation that she failed to report gifts.

Sources: NY Times, Washington Times

Spike Lee is coming to campus this January! Tickets on sale now

Learn what's on Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Spike Lee's mind when he delivers the 17th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Convocation Address at Loyola on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Reitz Arena. General admission tickets are \$30 and are available through Ticketmaster. Discount tickets (\$18 for members of the Loyola community and students from other institutions; \$15 for groups of 20 or more) are available at the Loyola box office. For more information, visit the MLK Convocation Web site.

CCSJ presents “Undressed” Dec. 7
The CCSJ hunger and homelessness programs are pleased to announce our one and only Fall Educational Event called “Undressing”. Donald Whitehead, the former Executive Director of the National Coalition of the Homeless, and currently serves as the Assistant Director at Beans and Bread Center will be our guest presenter. We invite you to come and learn more about undressing the reality of hunger and homelessness, integrating our perceptions with the reality of these ever present, and pressing issues in our own Baltimore Community.
Event: “Undressing”
Date: Monday, December 7th
Time: 8:00- 9:00 pm

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When: Tuesday, December 8th, 12-2 PM
Where: College Center 114 (next to Surf n' Joe's)

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Tuesday, December 1

An officer responded to an anonymous call which informed Base that someone was throwing eggs from a dorm room window of Newman Towers. Upon arrival, the officer noticed four eggs splattered on the sidewalk in front of the entrance to Primo's. At the time, no one was in the area and the officer was unable to determine which window the eggs could have been thrown from. No more eggs have been thrown.

Tuesday, December 1

An officer who had just arrived at Reitz Arena for the basketball game was pulled aside by a woman who stated that when she went to the bathroom near Demolition Cafe several ladies were in the handicap stall together. The informant waited a while to see if the ladies came out, but they did not. The officer went into the bathroom but stayed behind the wall and looked at the feet in the stall. There were four pairs of feet. The officer backed out and called for another officer. The two officers entered the bathroom and found that all of the ladies were in different stalls. The officers waited for them to emerge from the stalls and asked them to step outside. When asked why they were all in the stall together, they denied that they ever were. The officer explained that they had seen them. At this time, one of the girls said that they were in the stall together, but that they were all best friends and that is what best friends do. A GRC arrived and an argument ensued. The girls statement became argumentative, and one of the girls stated that she did not like the way campus police stopped them outside the bathroom and that Student Life should not have been called because it was no big deal and they were seniors. One of the girls stated they knew it looked dumb but they are immature students and that's how students act. Alcohol could be smelled on some of the girls. The incident was documented by Student Life and Campus Police.

-compiled by Sara Cesky

Support Our Troops bake sale raises money for wounded soldiers

BY MEAGHAN MCKERON
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The Loyola Republican Club sponsored its second annual Support Our Troops bake sale last week., which raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project and the United Service Organizations (USO).

Nicholas Centanni, '10, and fellow Republican Club members worked for months beforehand to put together the sale that last year raised over \$1,700 for troops overseas.

"Fortunately, this year, we had last year's successful model to fine-tune and build upon," Centanni said.

This year, the students involved in the sale made it a point to buy items on sale in order to lower the amount of money spent on the operation, which would, in effect, leave more money for the organizations benefiting from the sale.

The club also made it a point to explain where the money donated would be going to.

"We made sure to have factsheets about where the money was going at our table so that donors could see exactly what each of the organizations do and could rest assured that their donation would not be squandered."

Preliminary figures indicate that this year's sale brought in over \$2,250, although the exact numbers will be confirmed in early January. The money raised will be divided equally between the Wounded Warrior

Project and USO.

"We are thrilled to have surpassed our goal, reaching \$2,250," said bake sale volunteer Mike Esteve.

The money donated to the Wounded Warrior Project will be used to inform people about injuries soldiers suffer from and gather money to provide assistance and services for wounded soldiers.

The USO money will be used to provide troops with housing assistance, recreational activities, and telephone, internet and email access, among many other services. It also supports family members of soldiers with emergency assistance and support groups.

A lot of behind-the-scenes work goes into the annual bake sale. With the end of the semester approaching, students involved with the event spend their free time between completing end-of-semester projects and studying for finals to bake goods and spread the word about the sale.

"We began baking and getting ready the

Sunday after we returned from Thanksgiving break," Centanni said. "We had to bake goods almost every night. Most people have a great deal of work at this point of the semester, but our members still found the time to help each and every day and night because they believed so much in the cause."

Last year's sale brought in the most money ever for a bake sale at Loyola, and this year's event far exceeded the last.

"We had a phenomenal team of

volunteers who spent hours baking and selling and deserve a tremendous amount of credit for this record-breaking success," said Esteve.

"I would say that the sale was a resounding success this year," Centanni said. "Once the final number is confirmed, as we did last year, we will have a ceremony in the Hug Lounge where we will symbolically disburse the donations to members of ROTC who will accept on behalf of The Wounded Warrior Project and The USO."

In addition to the hard work of the College Republican members, the support and

participation of the Loyola community was essential for the bake sale to be a success. The Greyhounds did not disappoint.

"It has been my experience that members of the Loyola community are some of the most generous individuals," Centanni said, "especially around Christmas time when many people take a moment to stop and appreciate those who have sacrificed so that they can go about their daily lives."

Seeing students donate all the money left on their Evergreen cards or dumping whatever change they had into the collection bin was "heart-warming" for Centanni and his fellow bake sale volunteers, who saw their months of hard work pay off in the end.

"Even though at times it can be a little uncomfortable to harass people for money, the bake sale really helped me to feel like I was a part of something important because I knew that all of the money we were raising was going to help wounded soldiers," said Jill Vohrer, '12.

Loyola's participation in this event for wounded soldiers is not something that every university does. By raising awareness and money for the wounded men and women fighting for our country, the Greyhound community is helping a cause that many people need to become more aware of.

"There are very few college or university campuses that hold this type of fundraising for wounded soldiers and veterans," said Esteve. "College Republicans is committed to making this bake sale a tradition at Loyola."

Children in Need Club shows 'Tiny Tears' documentary on campus to spark conversation about the atrocities of AIDS

BY AMELIA WOLF
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To celebrate World AIDS Day, December 1, 2009, the Children in Need Club held a film screening of "Tiny Tears" and had a guest lecturer, Rev. Dr. Mankekolo Mahlangu-Ngcobo, come to campus to spread the word that HIV and AIDS do not only affect adults, but children as well.

This semester, the Children in Need Club met weekly and discussed events that could be held on campus for World AIDS day to stress the fact that AIDS is not only harmful to adults but "it's devastating to the lives of children too," as stated by Monica Bauer, a senior at Loyola who helped to coordinate the campus events for World AIDS day. "Collin Powel once called HIV our world's greatest weapon of mass destruction and that statement is just so true."

"Tiny Tears," a documentary film about children infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS throughout the world, was shown on Tuesday night with over 170 students in attendance. The film specifically focuses on children in Thailand, Uganda, Brazil, and the United States.

"It was such a privilege to have this film screening on our campus, being that the film has only been shown 17 times before," Bauer stated. Robert Corna, director of "Tiny Tears," also joined Loyola for the event. Bauer said, "I think many of us, in



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Protesters gather outside the White House last year to garner support for AIDS awareness. Annually, World AIDS Day seeks to bring attention to the crisis of AIDS. the audience, couldn't help but feel inspired by Robert and his commitment to telling the stories that need to be told."

Michele Steinmetz, a junior at Loyola who attended the screening, said that she had never realized how much of an impact AIDS and HIV can have on children. "I was aware that it did have an impact but I didn't know the specifics or the depth of the effects, until now."

The week continued with a lecture by

Mankekolo, a native of South Africa, Founder and Pastor of Kalafong A.M.E. Mission Church in Baltimore, and HIV/AIDS activist.

"Now, in 2009, the face of HIV has changed from the gay community to women of color," Mankekolo stated. "Infections have increased rapidly among women."

When a mother is infected with HIV, her child can be easily infected as well. With the increase in HIV among women over recent

years, it is of great concern for the children as well.

According to Mankekolo, in 2007, 2 million people died from HIV/AIDS, 2.7 million were newly infected, and 33 million were already living with HIV/AIDS. Bauer stated, "In Sub-Saharan Africa alone, 12 million children have been orphaned by AIDS. It's horrific, and it doesn't need to be. We have the medication, and we have the resources to stop the spread of HIV and to treat those who are already infected."

In Sub-Saharan Africa "women don't have the power over the decision of their sexuality," Mankekolo said. "Women are at a disadvantage, socio-economically and culturally. Polygamy plays a huge part in the spread of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, according to Mankekolo.

Throughout the world, not just in Sub-Saharan Africa, when a mother is infected by HIV/AIDS, the child is often orphaned or raised by other family members, as stated by Makekolo. "Too many children have been orphaned by AIDS. It's unacceptable, and we, as a society, can do better," Bauer said.

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. If we all don't start caring about these children, then who will?" said Bauer

According to Mankekolo, there are some measures being taken in Sub-Saharan Africa to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS from a mother to child. When a mother becomes

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Recycled cell phones gives soldiers an affordable way to call home

By JOE O'RIORDAN
GUEST WRITER

A cell phone is generally regarded as useless after it ceases to serve its basic purpose: to quickly and conveniently connect us to our friends and family. Once a cell phone breaks or becomes technologically irrelevant in this ever-changing world of communication, it is typically discarded and left to gather dust in a drawer or a closet.

Now, a new club on campus – actually, a new Loyola extension of a national organization – gives our broken cell phones a second chance at relevance.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was formed by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, two siblings from a small town in Massachusetts, as a way to honor and repay the men and women of our armed forces. They recognized the selfless sacrifices our servicemen and women make for us, going without many of the commodities and luxuries we often take for granted.

Every day, American soldiers long to see their loved ones at home in the United States as they risk their lives in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. It costs them an unreasonable amount of money just to call home for a short period of time and assure their families that they are alive and well.

Cell Phones for Soldiers' goal is to provide our soldiers with a more affordable way to call home. Every old or broken cell phone donated is shipped to a company called

ReCellular, which in turn pays Cell Phones for Soldiers enough money to purchase and send out calling cards, transforming that otherwise useless piece of plastic into one free hour of talk time for an American soldier.

The club is an excellent way for our brave heroes to be directly affected by our simple acts of generosity. Most people probably have old cell phones lying around, looking for a purpose to serve. They can now offer an invaluable service to a more-than-deserving group of individuals. Supporters have the option to donate their cell phones to the cause in general, to soldiers in a specific unit, or even to a particular soldier.

Kevin O'Shea, '11, founder and president of Cell Phones for Soldiers' Loyola chapter, is thrilled with the instant success the club has had in its first week: "The process of getting this club started at Loyola could not have gone any smoother. Everyone has been extremely supportive and enthusiastic, from Campus Ministry and SGA to Student Life and Student Activities. They were all happy to jump on board once they heard what we were doing."

After just having gotten the word out to a limited group of people, the club has already received 21 cell phone donations. That's 21 hours our soldiers can spend communicating with their loved ones, in exchange for a minimal exertion of time and effort.

At a university so dedicated to service, that number is expected to soar in the coming weeks, months, and years. All students and

faculty are urged to donate any unwanted cell phones they may have and spread the word to anyone who may be able to contribute.

There will be donation boxes stationed at various locations around campus, including Flannery O'Connor, McAuley, Campion, Newman Towers, Cohn Hall, Student Activities on the third floor of the Student Center, and the Office of Student Life in Seton Court.

For any questions, concerns, or suggestions, contact President Kevin O'Shea at kfoshea@loyola.edu, Vice President Connor O'Neill at choneill@loyola.edu, or Father Jack Dennis at jdennis@loyola.edu.

Also, join the group "Cell Phones for Soldiers at Loyola University Maryland" on Facebook to show support, and go to <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com> for more information on the history and procedural specifics of the organization.

Help our soldiers call home!

Donate your old cell phones at marked boxes around campus.

For questions or suggestions email Kevin O'Shea at kfoshea@loyola.edu

Documentary promotes AIDS awareness

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pregnant, she is started on an antiretroviral drug to help prevent infections from spreading to the fetus. This is a government standard and is given to most pregnant women during pregnancy, according to Mankekolo.

Yet, as Mankekolo stated, during the administering of the antiretroviral drugs over the course of a woman's pregnancy, she needs to have a full diet, which frequently poses as an issue because many cannot afford it.

Bauer said, "Rev. Mankekolo's lecture on how HIV is affecting women in Africa really complimented the film because she spoke about mother to child transmission of the virus, and helped us all realize that if every women had access to the necessary medication and education, no child would be born HIV positive."

"The events brought an awareness to the campus," Steinmetz said. "It's also good to know that prevention is being put into action, which I believe will get more people active in the cause because they will know we can find a solution."

The motto for the Children in Need Club reads, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Bauer said, "If we all don't start caring about these children, then who will?"

SOA Teach-In reflects on interconnectedness and human rights

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Latin American history. One of them was held responsible for the murder of six Jesuit priest 20 years ago and six churchwomen. Other graduates of SOA were responsible for the murder of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, and the disappearance of thousands of other victims.

In 2001, SOA closed and WHINSEC opened at the same location, maintaining the same functions but with an adapted curriculum which includes mandatory instruction of human rights and democracy and civilian control of the military. The change of name and legal closing of SOA prevented a congressional investigation. A lot of the people that gather annually at Fort Benning, Georgia—such as members of SOAWatch the non-profit organization that created the Vigil—think that despite the name change, the fundamentals of SOA have not changed much.

Every year the Loyola delegation goes to the Questions and Answers session WHINSEC holds for the people that gather for the commemoration and Vigil to hear the other side of the story.

Rosie Miola, '12, said that the ideas and feelings during the Teach-In part of the trip were what she expected and agreed with upon deciding to go, but after going to the Q&A session that Saturday, she discovered that the existence and charges of WHINSEC was more complicated and this made her question her previous position.

"The WHINSEC panel members were legitimately convinced that their school was benign and actually benefiting countries by teaching courses such as Human Rights. I'm so glad I went so that I could open my horizons and realize there always is another side," said Miola.

She also said she was frustrated at the behavior of some of the people who attended the session. "At the Ignatian Family Teach-In, we all talked about solidarity and the interconnectedness of all humans extensively. But then, when we went to the WHINSEC panel, I felt like many of the same people forgot about this interconnectedness and approached the individuals on the panel as enemies and were rude while asking questions."

Patrick Diamond, '13, who attended the Teach-In and vigil with his high school and got to go to the Q&A session for the first time, said it was one of the most important parts of the trip.

"It was good to hear directly what they [panelists of WHINSEC] wanted to say. They would hear the questions from the audience and then respond to the best of their abilities," said Diamond. He also said that some answers were a bit disappointing. "You couldn't do follow up questions, which gave them a bit of leeway."

On Sunday, November 22, despite the rain and cold, thousands gathered at the gates of Fort Benning, where WHINSEC is located,

for the Annual Vigil to commemorate the martyrs by carrying white crosses with their names and chanting songs of peace and non-violence.

The vigil had an emotional component: the names of the martyrs were listed and the attendees said "presente" after each name. Dayna Pizzigoni said that saying this after the names of those who passed or disappeared in El Salvador during the war was important, because after the war there was a general amnesty throughout and the country seemed to pretend that none of the atrocities happened. "We were present in recognition of those injustices and all of the ones that continue in El Salvador and elsewhere in the world and our own country" a participant said.

There were also theatrical representations of the massacre of El Salvador and the suffering of the victim's relatives. The Vigil continued with a procession to the gates to deposit the crosses as a symbol and a way to ask for justice.

Patrick Diamond said that being at the gates of WHINSEC during the vigil and seeing all the white crosses was emotional and depressing because of the connection everyone felt to the martyrs. "Leaving on that note reminded me why I went," he said.

The delegation engaged in dialogue during the whole weekend in order to process the material presented at the Teach-In and vigil. They had brief group reflections every night

and during both of the 14-hour rides, where they shared their impressions on the Teach-In and vigil and thought of ways to bring it back to Loyola.

Margarita Dubocq said that students came with a lot of questions and came back with a more clear idea on where they stand in a variety of issues, such as foreign policy, or more questions that would encourage them to learn and share what they learned. Reflections were a big part of the trip so that the students could get the most out of the Teach-In and vigil.

Preparations for the trip included four pre-Teach-In meetings where those attending had an overview of what to expect. Everyone reflected on the issues during the Salvadoran Civil War, painted the crosses for the quad, attended the commemoration of the martyrs together and reflected on non-violence and about the difference between a vigil and a protest. They also had a send-off mass before the trip.

As the student leader for the trip, Arielle Watson thought that the most valuable part of the trip was the Teach-In giving students a vision of what a life of advocacy for justice can look like. "As students at Loyola, we can easily participate in service or attend the occasional lecture on social justice; it is much more difficult to imagine how all of those pieces of what we learn in our diversity courses, experience through direct service, and hear in homilies fit together."

Economic professionals on Wall Street discussion panel answer student's questions on the poor economy

BY ANTHONY LEVARO
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"We are going to come out of this. It's going to be a slow process, but I don't think we're going to go back down again."

Rob Giamarcco, Bank of America senior investment banking managing director for the Financial Institutions Group and renowned macroeconomist, expressed optimism and urged patience in our nation's recovery from the current recession at a panel discussion at Loyola on December 3.

Three other economics professionals: Bob Mills, Brad Kleinsteuber and Mike Mills joined the Wall Street panel hosted by the Sellinger School of Business and the Financial Management Association.

The economists fielded questions from students and faculty on topics ranging from the cause of the current recession to tips on building the networking skills needed to gain employment in the field of finance. While the men sometimes amiably disagreed on several issues, their answers were consistently frank and drew enthusiastic participation from audience members.

Students did not shy from asking the panel for difficult predictions. Early in the discussion, a student asked whether the nation ran the risk of experiencing a "double dip," that is, another period of economic trouble before a full recovery is achieved.

Giamarcco did not believe the current rally to be a temporary one, but predicted that "the housing market will be the bellwether"

in determining how long the rally lasts. For evidence of sustained recovery, he pointed to the way in which recent financial trouble in Dubai was shaken off by the world market with relative ease.

Another student questioned whether increased national debt would contribute to further inflation in U.S. currency. Brad

Kleinsteinuber, vice president of Financial Institutions and Insurance at Merrill

Lynch, speculated that the slow recovery will keep interest rates low and postpone inflation, but that inflation will be inevitable

from the looks of the gross domestic product: "It may take two to three years, but it's not a question of if but when."

When asked to comment on their reactions about the day of the Lehman Brothers collapse, Bob Mills, CFO of Assured Guaranty, quipped that he had his office chair fitted with seat belts in the weeks of financial fallout that followed. He described the surreal feeling: "You turn on CNBC and see these poor folks carrying boxes in and out of Lehman Brothers, and it

strikes you, the world's going to be different the next day."

Mills maintained that the government, allowing such a failure to occur, was unwise. He cited Herbert Hoover's lack of aid to failing corporations during the Great Depression as an example of such a choice having caustic consequences.

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- Rob Giamarcco, Bank of America senior investment banking managing director

Kleinsteinuber disagreed. "If you do bail out an institution that finds itself in a situation where it can't fund itself, it may have take on risky businesses. It may over-leverage itself." He questioned the message

a bailout may send other businesses that may consider such risky ventures.

When asked about the role that greed or lack of ethics played in the collapse, however, Bob Mills agreed that overzealous practices played a role on every level. He believed that the Community Reinvestment Act of the Clinton administration helped create the sub-prime loans that many contend contributed to the recession.

He also placed blame on Wall Street for repackaging these risky loans in investments

and the individual consumers who accepted loans that they may have known they would have difficulty repaying: "You have situations in which a plumber thinks he's Donald Trump flipping houses."

In the midst of a global recession, many business students were eager for advice on how to acquire a job in such a rapidly changing field. Mike Mills, '09, and associate of Kleinsteinuber and Giamarcco at Merrill Lynch, was an ideal choice to field such questions.

Graduating from Sellinger Business School just as the recession hit, Mike was grateful that Merrill Lynch honored the job offer that it had previously given him, as many of his friends had their offers from other firms revoked. When asked for advice for anyone going into investment banking, Mills responded, "Network like it's your second job to school." He stressed networking skills, pursuing any opportunities, and following any on-campus recruiting. It was a double-homecoming of sorts for Mike, since he was a former officer of the Financial Managing Association, the event's host.

Brad Kleinsteinuber noted, "There is no better job than investment banking but you must have passion, perseverance, and resiliency." Students were further encouraged by Giamarcco, who informed them that his firm had received less resumes in the past year as bad media attention has steered many away from the field.

"Regardless, we are always looking for the best and brightest," he assured them.

Latin American and Latino Studies Program hosts lecture 'Globalizing Hispanic Modernism'

BY GERALDINE GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, Loyola students attended a lecture called "Globalizing Hispanic Modernism" by Nelson R. Orringer, professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut.

Orringer explored Modernism through architectural advances and creations as well as art rather than literature and the impact they caused globally. More importantly, Orringer suggests that Modernism did not begin with poet Rubén Darío, but with Catalan architecture designed and built in Barcelona, Spain.

The topic of Hispanic Modernism is one in which is not familiar to those outside of the Latin American studies department. When mentioned, there is a brief synopsis that Hispanic Modernism is defined as a movement that collaborated many different cultural expression through artistic outlets. However, when looking closer, Hispanic Modernism was Latin America's way of rejecting European and American values and creating an identity for themselves.

The lecture was sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, the Latin American and Latino Studies Program (LALS), the Program in Liberal Studies, the Department

of Modern languages and Literatures and the Association of Latin American and Spanish Students (ALAS). It coincides with, and challenges, some ideas presented in Dr. Ward's SN380 Modernism class this semester, which presents Rubén Darío as a Latin American cultural hero, inventor of a culturally independent distinctly Latin American cultural idiom.

Orringer presented pictures of famous Catalan architecture, such as Sagrada Familia, as well as famous pieces of art, such as Les Femmes d'Alger by Picasso. They were forms of expression that Orringer feels impacted the Modernist movement.

Three main concepts that Orringer stresses are respect in love for newness, religious mistrust and struggle, and reverence of cultural creativity. Students who attended the lecture ranged from those who saw this as a cultural event opportunity to Dr. Ward's Modernism class.

One of Dr. Ward's students, Michelle Lally, '12, expressed the significance of the lecture. "It was interesting to see a different expression to Modernism than the one we have been studying all semester." Other students, who were being exposed to Hispanic Modernism for the first time, saw it as a great learning experience. Alyssa Straniero, '12, who attended the event for her Italian class,

mentioned how it was nice to be exposed to another culture's history. "Being in Italian class, our main focus is the Italian culture. However, this lecture sparked an interest as well as an appreciation to the culture".

Dr. Ward who was familiar with Orringer was more than grateful for the time he took out of his busy schedule to speak to Loyola students. After the lecture, Ward hopes that students "came away with some idea about what Globalizing Hispanic Modernism is" and for the students in his class "to appreciate a bit more debate over what constitutes Modernism and what it means to different cultural communities."

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Education benefits from outside perspectives

This past week was the week of causes. The Children in Need Club sponsored a documentary screening aimed at raising awareness for the spread of AIDS and HIV in Africa. Loyola's College Republicans sponsored a bake sale to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project and Walter Reed Hospital. And just before we all adjourned for Thanksgiving Break, a group of students from CCSJ attended the annual School of the Americas protest in Fort Benning, Georgia.

In college, it's often difficult to find time for much of anything that isn't classes, course work and examinations. Add to that an incessant desire to maintain a steady social life, and you might find yourself penciling notes into your date book reminding you to brush your teeth in the morning.

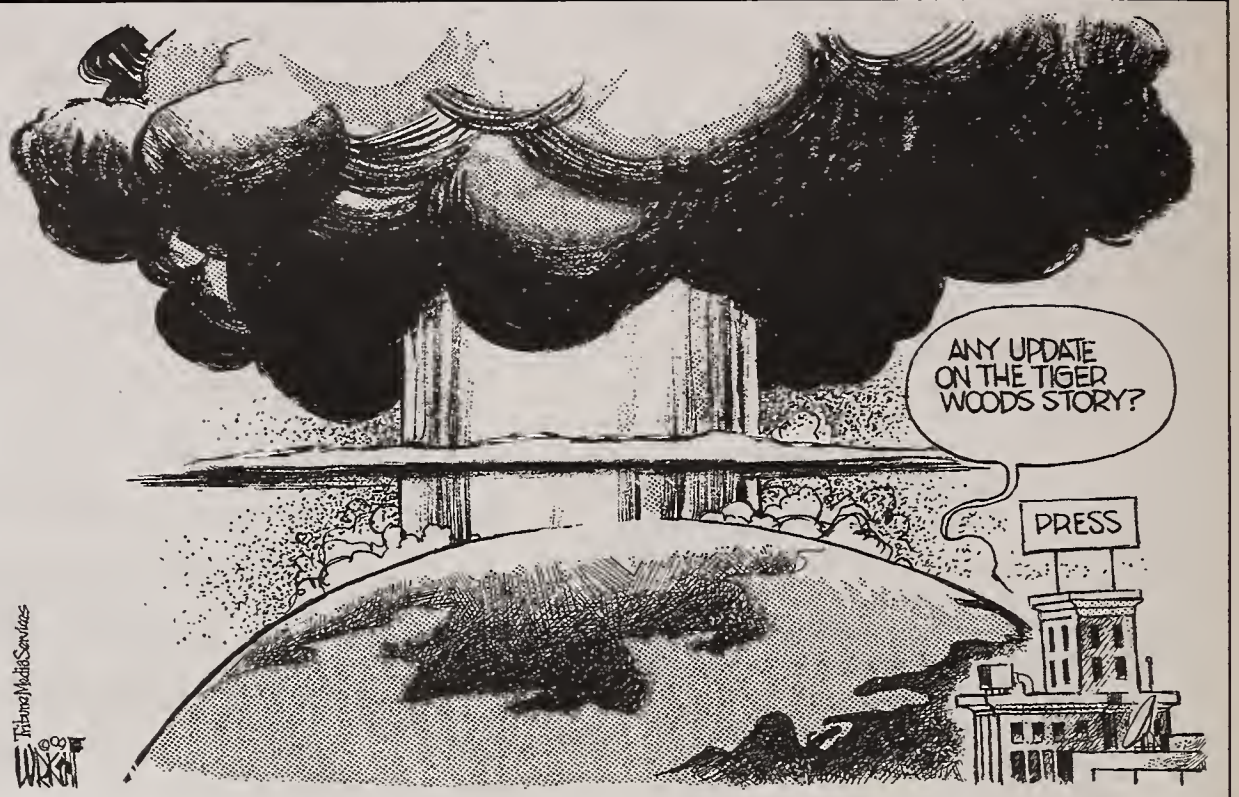
And so it would be remiss of us to not identify when students break through the insulation that is college and seek to make connections and draw attention to an outside world. Because, generally, it's far too easy – and far too convenient – to get lost in the shuffle of 9 a.m.'s, lunch dates, study breaks and bar nights.

"Loyola bubble" typically becomes the phrase to classify the phenomenon. When students choose to involve themselves in something that isn't studying or drinking, this campus has an involuntary knack to explain the involvement as breaking out of the Loyola bubble.

But that bubble extends a little farther than just our small section of North Charles. Because most students do tend to get lost in the shuffle of campus life. Perhaps we don't intend to; perhaps we're unaware. But at some point, for some period of time, we develop tunnel vision and forget about the world outside.

We need to remember that the stuff we get from books makes up only one component of our education; some perspective on the world outside completes it.

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Poll Question of the Week:

What is your plan for Study Day this Thursday?

- In all seriousness, I plan on hitting the books all day in the library.
- I'll be recovering in my bed from celebrating the last day of classes the night before.
- Study Day? I just always thought I conveniently didn't have a final that first day after classes ended.

Last Week's Results (results not scientific):

Would you be inclined to ever lend a helping hand to Bonks/Baguette the Cat*? (* This is the cat that roams Rahner Village, pillaging food supplies, tormenting the squirrel population and stalking/sneaking up on unaware students.)

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Despite stress of finals and end of semester, holiday spirit should provide uplifting mood

Despite the fact that my calendar festively proclaims the grandeur of December, I have been having trouble coming to terms with the fact that the semester is rapidly coming

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to an end. The Quad may be dotted with the charmingly romantic twinkle of Christmas lights and the newspapers overflowing with countless advertisements for holiday sales and discounts, but my mind cannot seem to comprehend the fact that it is officially "the most wonderful time of the year." Maybe it's the 60-degree weather – which creates a rather bizarre setting for Christmas trees and plastic candy canes and toy soldiers – but it feels as if the holidays have snuck up on us with even more stealth and swiftness this year, leaving us bogged down in the whirlwind of last-minute "to-do" lists that often ensue in the final weeks of the semester.

As finals week approaches, everyone begins to buckle down with a little more intensity. The library is not so much crowded with floating dust particles on sunny weekend afternoons as it is with anxious students hunting for a table with access to an outlet. Conversations are plagued with complaints

of unreasonable due dates, unfair tests, and ridiculous projects. Each assignment seems to hold so much more importance in our warped, paranoid, perfectionist perspective. We crave the end of classes, the comforts of a much needed "study day" and the relief that comes with finally printing that essay on crisp, white paper and sealing it with a staple of absolute completion.

And while stress levels may run high during the week, the weekends are embraced with a similar standard of intensity. Everyone is looking to soak up the last few moments of freedom before finals begin and we say goodbye to one another for the impossibly perpetual period of 3 and a half weeks, or even longer for those who are studying abroad next spring. The semester dwindles, and the transience of each week allows us to justify our reasoning for going out entirely too much, procrastinating when we should be doing work, or getting roughly four hours of sleep a night. We convince ourselves that we need an outlet for our pent up restlessness with schoolwork.

However, although the end of the semester is a time composed of barely-made deadlines and countless cups of coffee, a palpable sense of anticipation hangs in the air, noticeable in the form of holiday decorations but really

more consuming in its spiritual effects than its physical markings. There is something about this time of year that just builds up an unexplainable excitement, as if we are all on the verge of some groundbreaking discovery. We are all about to plunge into the consuming current of holiday festivities, and the thought of this consoles our qualms about school and finances. It alleviates our pounding headaches and incessant academic consciences and makes us feel much better about our workload.

The holiday spirit permeates throughout the entire campus, causing side effects that range from uncharacteristic generosity to random outbursts of Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You." There is a certain energy exuded during this time of year and even if you can't quite grasp it, you cannot deny its forceful presence. It provides a small beam of light, dimly poking through the black cloud of finals week. It gives us all something to look forward to.

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To fix our biggest problems, America needs to sacrifice now

Unemployment is a touchy subject, especially on a college campus, but good news about employment came out of the White House this week. National unemployment dropped from 10.2 percent to 10 percent. Furthermore, the average weekly salary rose 4 dollars to \$622.09.

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These are all good signs that the economy is recovering somewhat, however we are in no way out of the woods.

Another bad month of job loss could be right around the corner. In addition, depressing employment numbers like 10.5 percent unemployment for adult men and 15 percent for African Americans exemplify that unemployment is a serious problem. Jobs in manufacturing and construction are disappearing. President Obama addressed some of these issues in the job summit held this week. During a speech he gave at the summit, the president went over some ideas he will be sending to Congress.

But there is only so much our government can do.

With debates about health care and a surge in Afghanistan, it is safe to say our pockets are stretched. Even still, the ideas Obama and others are putting forward could have real effects on the job market. Such ideas as having a program that gives people cash incentives to fix up their homes with energy-saving materials, and providing tax incentives for spending on new roads, are all intended to add more construction jobs to the economy. The government is also trying to alleviate some of the fiscal pressures caused by health insurance with the health reform

bills being voted on in Congress right now. I believe that through reforms on healthcare, and the financial institutions, the government can help the once thriving middle class in America get back on its feet.

I also think that the next set of reforms must be focused on education. Education and employment go hand in hand, and the education system needs to be reformed. Our public schooling system is disastrous in some areas of the country and does not do a good enough job preparing kids. It can no longer only be the affluent and prosperous regions that boast good public schools. The

"...the government reforms that will help ease burdens and prepare the next generation of workers require money – a whole lot of money. This money can come from no place except the American taxpayer."

entire country must raise its bar of expectation of what an adequate education is.

But, the government reforms that will help ease burdens and prepare the next generation of workers require money – a whole lot of money. This money can come from no place except the American taxpayer. It may seem backwards that in times of such high unemployment, when people's houses are getting foreclosed and the national debt is so large, that taxes need to be raised, but sacrifice is necessary if we are to reverse the unemployment trend. Obama's stimulus plan enacted at the beginning of his admin-

istration helped keep this country from slipping into a depression. There needs to be another stimulus in order to invest in small businesses and spur job creation.

Many people will scream to the high heavens if the administration tries to add to the national debt by passing another stimulus bill, but it is necessary if we want to create jobs for the future. We must invest in our infrastructure, building roads, bridges and the like, to create more construction jobs. We must invest in alternative energies to lessen our dependence of foreign oil and to stimulate growth in new energy markets. Above all, we must invest in a better education system so that we can compete with the brains of other countries, which in turn compete with us for jobs in the globalized world. The government can alleviate our problems, and create an atmosphere in which new problems will not arise, through reforming health care and our financial institutions. We must solve our problems by sacrificing now in order to ensure a better future. That means paying higher taxes in order to enlarge the budgets for public schools and pay for new construction projects. And supporting stimulus plans that add to the deficit. These are some of the things that we need to do if we want to create jobs for ourselves and for those who come after us.

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On The Quad

"How much do you plan on studying for finals?"

By: Jesse DeFlorio



"Slim to none."
George Rodrigues, '11
International Relations



"Me? Kevin Wiedersum? Study? That's not how that works."
Kevin Wiedersum, '11
Studio Arts



"I'm not too worried about it. I already finished my finals last semester."
Stephen King, '11
Accounting



"Just like I do in any situation: I assess the situation, and then I overcome the situation. I'll study for however long the situation needs."
Mike Alicastro, '11
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Global Perspectives: Honduran crisis demonstrates challenges with U.S.-Latin American affairs.

The Honduran crisis took an interesting turn December 3 when an overwhelming majority of congress members voted against reinstating ousted president Manuel Zelaya. Based on the results of the presidential elections held November 29, Porfirio Lobo Sosa, a conservative politician, is set to

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replace Zelaya next January. The U.S. plans to recognize the election results, but not without protest from many Latin American countries. With the exception of Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, and Peru, few countries in the region are committed to recognizing the elections. Brazil, Argentina, and Spain refuse to acknowledge elections held under a government they deem illegal.

Those who question the legality of the elections, such as human rights groups and Zelaya supporters, have identified several abuses committed before the election, including censorship of anti-coup media, unjustified arrests, and problematic security measures prohibiting opposition rallies from disrupting the scheduled voting. According to *The Economist*, opposition groups were expecting a low turnout that would "expose the vote as a farce." However, the "strict security measures" imposed by Micheletti seemed to encourage voters to participate in the election process. An estimated 61 percent of eligible voters casted in their ballots and 53 percent of those participants voted in favor of Lobo. Polls indicate that most Hondurans still recognize Zelaya as the legitimate leader yet view the elections as a means of ending the crisis. Overall, Hondurans seem to disapprove of the coup d'état but few consider it has disrupted the country's democratic process, as many other countries in the region seem to suggest.

The Obama administration's questionable handling of the crisis is an impulsive attempt to steer away from past U.S. foreign policy mistakes. The U.S. has a history of supporting opposition groups and even instigating illegal military coups in the region, such as the one plotted against Venezuelan leader Hugo Chávez in 2002. Yet Obama's decision to back Zelaya is a suspicious political shift from traditional foreign policy in the region, as if the U.S. washes its hands of any potential social upheaval while still actively intervening in the country's politics. Washington's ambiguous stance on the Honduran crisis has received some harsh criticism from even the most stable Latin American democracies. The U.S. accord reached with Zelaya and Micheletti, for example, established that the November 29 elections would be recognized with or without Zelaya's reinstatement. Most Latin American countries refuse to recognize Lobo as the legitimate president-elect without Zelaya's return to office and would deem the conditions of U.S. mediated agreement insufficient. Of course, Zelaya agreed to the accord convinced he would have enough congress votes to be restored back to his position. Much to his dismay, 111 out of 128 lawmakers manifested his lack of support among congress members.

Members of the conservative coalition

defend the military coup claiming that Zelaya acted unlawfully when he disobeyed the Supreme Court by attempting to hold a referendum that would extend his four-year term. Some sources claim he was only planning to hold a non-binding vote that would have asked citizens if they were in favor of amending the constitution. Had Hondurans voted in favor of rewriting the constitution, the actual referendum would have taken place the day of the scheduled presidential elections, meaning that by the time Zelaya began forming a constituent assembly, a new president would have been elected. Zelaya supporters suggest that upper and middle class citizens strongly oppose his attempts to increase the minimum wage and reduce fuel prices because of economic interests. Yet the real political disputes between the leader and political opponents began as he aligned himself with notorious leftist leader, Hugo Chávez. Many feared that his bid to re-write the constitution would result in a revival of a past dictatorship. Considering Honduras' history of political corruption, economic instability, and social inequality, abuse of presidential powers is a legitimate concern.

Overall, the political crisis in Honduras reveals continuing challenges with U.S.-Latin American affairs. Hopefully, Porfirio Lobo will prioritize combating the political extremism that provoked the crisis and restoring diplomatic relations with democracies in the region. His legitimacy as the next Honduran president will remain in question until he demonstrates his commitment to upholding democratic principles.

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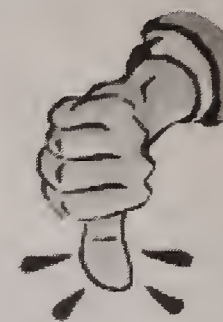
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BY SNOOKI AND
THE SITUATION

Snow! We all woke up Saturday morning to that first Baltimore snowfall of the year, which put us in the holiday spirit even more as we no longer had to look at Christmas lights in 60-degree weather.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties: There is nothing better than realizing just how ridiculous one article of clothing can make you look yet how comfortable and warm it can be when you're standing on the porch at Craigs.

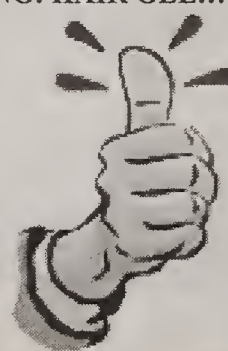
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Loyola Belles and Chimes make Chordbusters a success

BY TAYLOR DEBOER
STAFF WRITER

It's been two years since I was a naïve, pimpled-faced freshman. And it's been two years since my first Chordbusters concert and article in the Greyhound that followed. I know my article probably did not go over well among the Belles after I called them out for their lackluster performance compared to the crowd pleasing Chimes. Well, Belles, a lot has changed since then and you certainly rose to the occasion.

I'll start with your color scheme—I love the purple and black and how all the Belles looked unique...it certainly worked. Right off the bat the belles were bumping and grinding to the music, with the leading singer masquerading around stage free from the mic stand (unlike the Chimes). Whether The Belles used the Chimes for a model or not, they were certainly performing with one thing on their minds: pleasing the crowd.

With that said, the vocal range of

the Belles was impeccable. From high and soft to deep and powerful, the Belles had it all covered this year and they did it with style. Their song selection—although weaker than

the Chimes—was much improved from two years ago. Of course it had its moments.

Out of the extensive catalogue of outstanding pop hits that Michael Jackson

released, why was the Free Willy theme song chosen? I must say, you made one of the world's cheesiest songs pretty damn good, though.

Besides those, the set list was spot on both for the crowd and for the Belles vocal range. Jack's Mannequin's "Dark Blue," led by rookie Tori Notorangelo was harmonized beautifully. The throw-back Backstreet Boys got the crowd fired up, but it was Lady GaGa's "Bad Romance" that stole the show for me. Up to that point, I hadn't decided who had won me over (The Belles or Chimes) until the Belles strolled on stage for an encore with sunglasses and somber faces only to erupt into the outlandish spectacle of Lady GaGism. Maryanne McElroy belled the song with confidence and shut tough critics like me up.

Now don't get me wrong, The Chimes put on a wonderful show as well. Their set list was perfect

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The Chimes and Belles performed such popular songs as Jack's Mannequin's "Dark Blue" and "Stacey's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne.

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Loyola Rising showcases student talent on campus

BY KATE MCNABOE
STAFF WRITER

Loyola Rising, the Greyhound Collective Poetry Revival's first big campus event, was a fun-filled night of poetry and music; a huge success.

"I'm so glad I was able to go," said Regina Schmidt, '10. "It was definitely more than I was expecting."

The event featured an eclectic mix of performers, including students and professionals. Greyhound Collective Poetry Revival co-presidents Jerry Fagerberg and Donald Vincent and fellow Loyola students Annie Furland, David Hallman, Eve Strillaci, Maria Dontas, Jordan Schnipke, Nick Mascia, Cathryn Dutton, Dannell Anthony, Taylor Deboer, and Pat Taylor shared their poetry and music, most of which was their own original work.

"It was great to see students performing," said Theresa Loliscio, '10. "You don't always realize how much talent Loyola students have."

Toward the end of the night, Baltimore group Mindstate Mix—a collaboration of poets, singers, lyricists, and rappers—took the stage and rocked the house. The four performers rapped and sang about controversial and

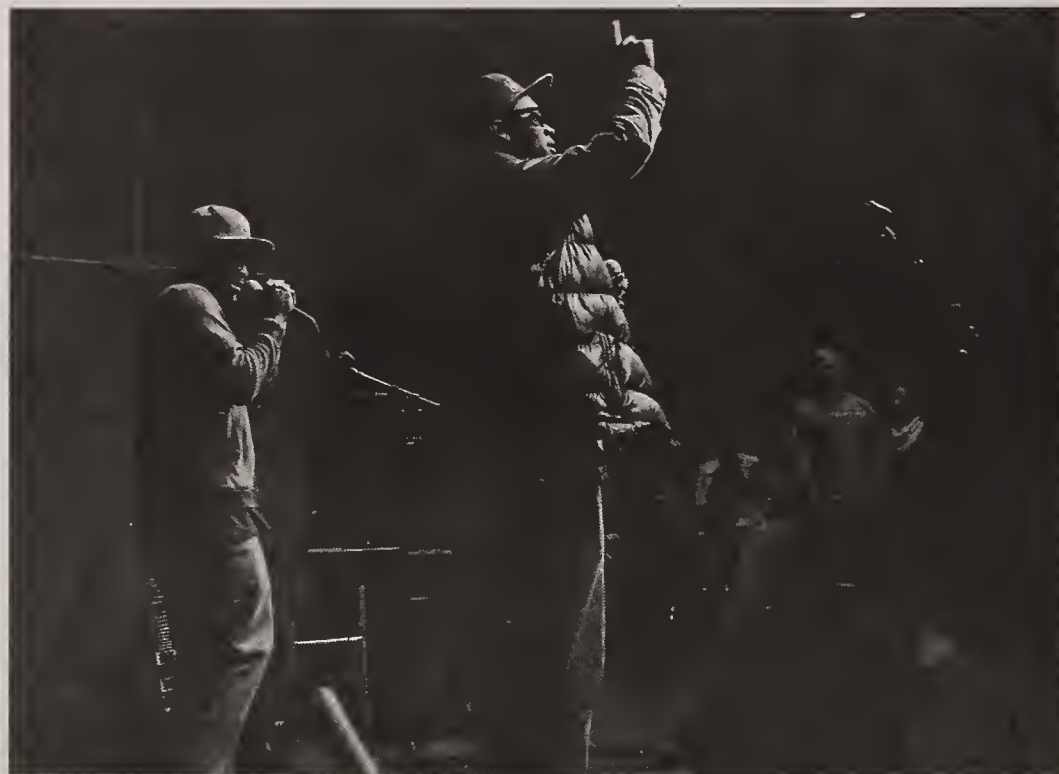


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Loyola Rising featured a number of performers, including Baltimore group Mindstate Mix, A Cool Stick, and several students sharing poetry and music.

emotional issues, from racism to the economic crisis to relationships.

"We knew we needed a feature act that would show Loyola some new tricks," said co-president Donald Vincent, '10. "And we

definitely found that in Mindstate Mix."

According to Vincent, an event like Loyola Rising is more than just poetry readings—it's all about expression.

"All of our performers expressed

themselves differently," he said. "The individual yearns to be heard, so we wanted to have this night for that voice to be heard by the Loyola audience."

Sophomore writing major and treasurer of the club Maria Dontas says events like this are crucial for the Loyola community.

"We need to support any form of creativity on campus," she said. "It's so easy to fall into a system of doing things and to live within clean-drawn boundaries, so when people start switching things up and bringing some life to our community we need to nurture that movement. I think Loyola Rising was a great way to showcase a lot of unique art forms."

The student performers were pretty nervous about getting up on stage, but they all did a commendable job. Senior Dannell "Stacks" Anthony feels great about his rapping performance.

"As soon as I touched the microphone I wasn't nervous anymore, because I believed I was going to do a good job," Anthony said. "It helps when you get a good response from the crowd. I get so much more into it when they chuckle after a funny line."

The night ended with a great show from Loyola favorite and former students A Cool Stick. Before performing their own popular songs like "All Day Long" and "Turn Me

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Impressive vocal range and song choices make for an enjoyable a capella performance

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and voices very good as well—their charisma on stage was just not as powerful as the Belles, who followed.

The Chimes barefoot tradition continues and I'm a fan. I must say the Belles showed up the Chimes with attire this year, but then again I'm probably biased. I would have enjoyed seeing the lead of each song freeing themselves of the mic stand a bit and jumping around stage a little more.

I loved the set list and the mix of 70s hits and modern songs, especially the remix of "Stand by Me" and "Beautiful Girls," which was surprisingly very cohesive. The Brotastic classic, "The Joker" song by the amazingly talented Pani Wilson and the poppy "Stacey's Mom" were both organized and delivered very well. The Chimes aren't as vocally gifted as The Belles, and they know it, choosing songs that will win the crowd over within seconds—nothing screams high school nostalgia like Fountains of Wayne's "Stacey's Mom."

Rich Shock lead the group in Matisyahu's "One Day" with a well crafted nearly falsetto range that definitely dropped some jaws—especially female jaws.

Tim Walsh's naïve brilliance kept the crowd in utter silence as he serenaded us

with the peaceful sounds of Death Cab for Cutie's "I Will Follow You into the Dark." According to Walsh—who arranged the song—each guitar string was given a voice part and the harmonies were arranged by ear.

"I hope we're able to do more songs like this in the future," Walsh said, "It adds a serious element to our set list."

Well, count me in. I'm a Chordbusters fan. If you haven't waited in line for hours in the cold to get a ticket yet, you're certainly missing out—it's well worth it. This year's show was much better than two years ago, and it seems to be getting better and more professional every year. I'm a Chordbusters groupie and you should be too!



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Hip-Hop Block Reviews The Clipse's 'Til The Casket Drops'

BY DONALD VINCENT
MUSIC CRITIC

Nowadays, there aren't any good hip-hop groups anymore. When I think of great hip-hop groups, I think of names like Run DMC, Wu-Tang Clan, Bone Thugs, Naughty by Nature, and so forth. However, after a three-year hiatus, Clipse, formed of brothers Pusha T and Malice, are back with their new album *Til the Casket Drops*.

In 2002, the song "Grindin'" hit the scene and was an instant classic single. This song was the precursor to all the hustle to get it songs such as "Hustlin'" by Rick Ross in 2006. Following a great start, the group went through a marketing slump. They shopped for record labels without doing the necessary homework and ended up with an unsatisfactory grade because their albums hit the shelves too late.

Even after label problems, the critically acclaimed group dropped a classic- *Hell Hath No Fury*. *Hell Hath No Fury* was just the sixth album to receive a "XXL" rating (equivalent to 5 stars) from hip-hop magazine XXL. Even *Reasonable Doubt*, arguably the greatest rap album of all

time, ended up with a rating of 4.

Clipse are back though, but somehow, somehow it seems as if they never left. Teaming up with a group of musical/instrumental geniuses, the Neptunes, who are known primarily because of Pharrell, the

Clipse have the making of a great album set in stone with beats, but it is solely upon Malice and Pusha T to solidify greatness with their witty wordplay and lively lyrics.

Once you crack open the CD, after unwrapping the paper of course, the opening

track sounds like a lullaby. Just lay back, look up at the ceiling, close your eyes, and hit play. "Freedom" produced by Sean C and LV throws the Clipse and ally-oop. Let's see if they can catch and slam-dunk it on their verses.

"Never mind my car/ Careful what you wish for/ Behind every curtain/ The devil and his pitchfork/ Jealousy I ask thee/ What is this for?/ How was I to know/ I was happy being piss poor" Malice liberates his verbal ability over the intro track.

The next song is their first single featuring Pharrell and Cam'ron. This song not only makes your head bob, but it also helps the shoulders get into it as well. With Pharrell on the hook and the hype man, this is a aural pleasuring track.

"I tax it/ Like Uncle Sam/ From the Jungle fam/ Where n**** bundle grams" Cam'ron stays true to his regular recipe of the hustler lyrics, but luckily Pharrell gives the song a "Pop" enough feel to it to appeal to not just pushers.

"Spittin fire on the PJ in my PJ's/ Fire Marshall said I took it to the Max like TJ/ Y'all ain't peep, I said Marshall's replay/ I'm like the black Marshall meets Jay."

Those few bars spit by Kanye on the song



PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN SISTO

Though Clipse went on a three-year hiatus, the group picks up where it left off by teaming up with the Neptunes on their new album "Til the Casket Drops."

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Anticipated 'New Moon' aims to be a box office hit

BY MEREDITH KELLY
STAFF WRITER

Hot vampires, shirtless werewolves, awkward acting; wait, that must mean one thing: The *Twilight* Saga is back! This week, *New Moon*, the sequel to Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight*, opened on the silver screen.

The new director, Chris Weitz, seamlessly translates the book to the movie. The film opens with a dream sequence in the same field that Bella and the Cullens played baseball in during the previous movie. It is Bella's birthday and she is having qualms about getting older- older than Edward. After a disastrous, almost deadly, birthday party, the Cullens decide to leave Forks, and Bella, forever.

Despite having an entire first movie to develop character relations, the relationship between Bella Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, and her beloved vampire, Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson, still lacks the proper chemistry. Instead of exuding love, every time they are together, a sort of painful awkwardness is present.

If theater-goers have not read the books, they will never be able to fully understand Bella and Edward's intense relationship. Whether or not this on-screen confusion is the acting or the directing, Pattinson's character is absent for most of the movie, leaving the audience relieved of the awkward tension.

After the Cullens' departure, Bella is devastated. Devastated in a "I-cannot-live

without-him-because-he-is-my-true-love" sort of way. With some handy camera work and nifty special effects, the empty months of Bella's solitude are shown with a unique perspective. Hazy visions of Edward seem to appear only when she puts herself in harm's way.

To make the haunting visions recur, Bella chases danger. It also appears that danger is chasing her because the vengeful vampire Victoria is out to kill Bella. To find out what happens, you are just going to have to see the film.

Enter Jacob Black. The boy-wolf, played by the recently buff but still underage Taylor Lautner, comforts Bella as she tries to get over Edward. Besides consoling Bella, Jacob has issues of his own. He struggles as he deals with the fact that he can turn into a wolf. It turns out that many adolescents in the Quileute tribe possess this quality. Although Jacob is unable to speak about his wolf issues, Bella learns the truth.

The Edward-Bella-Jacob love triangle is also revealed in this film. Though Bella only sees Jacob as a friend, it is clear that Jacob's intentions are more than friendly.

This film is very faithful to the series, or 'saga'. The problem is that many character traits are lost on the screen. The entire movie is Bella, with brief glimpses of the other characters. Even Jacob's story line, which is a major part of the plot, is extremely shallow.

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The vampire-human relationship between characters Edward Cullen and Bella Swan lacks proper chemistry, creating awkwardness whenever the two are together.

'New Moon' will please faithful Twilight fans

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There is a lack of build-up and no climax.

The film appears to be choppy as each scene begins and ends, making the central plot hard to uncover. Is the focus Bella missing Edward? How about Jacob's wolf transformation? Maybe it is Victoria's death threat. Each thread does not get enough attention and tends to confuse the viewer in regards to the main focus. If this movie did not have the popularity of the books behind it, it would probably fall flat.

Luckily, there are some very unique shots in the movie that display the surroundings, including the lush forest of Forks. While there is a lot more action in this film than in

the first one, there is still a good amount of dead time.

Audience members can only withstand so many scenes of Bella staring at nothing until boredom sets in. The film could have been shortened to a normal runtime if these pesky scenes had more dialogue and got to the point instead of meandering along.

In all, *New Moon* will satisfy *Twilight* fans with its many shirtless scenes and book coverage. Other audience members will be unhappy with the lack of intensity and the confusing plot. Everyone seems to be seeing it, so the film is likely to be a given box office hit.

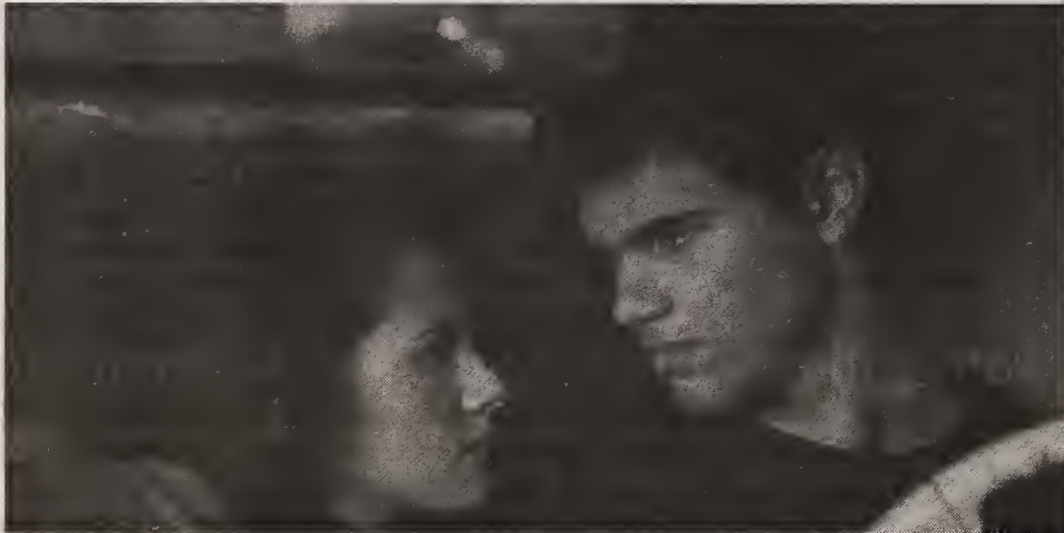


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Though *New Moon* introduces the Edward-Bella-Jacob love triangle, the plot lacks build-up and there is an absence of a climax in the film.

Hard work and planning makes Loyola Rising a success

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Up," the guys invited Mindstate Mix onto the stage for a true jam session.

"The free-style with A Cool Stick and Mindstate Mix was a great way to end the show with such high energy," Schmidt said.

Dontas, who also gave a fantastic performance showcasing her incredible singing and songwriting talent, agrees that that was the best part of the night.

"They all looked like they were having so much fun up there, dancing and just rocking out with no inhibitions," she said.

Vincent collaborated with A Cool Stick earlier this year for a jam session in the Reading Room, so he knew they would be more than willing to be involved with Loyola Rising.

"They were down for the get-down," Vincent said. "They work hard and they help out others even harder."

Organizing the event was no easy task, according to Vincent, because they needed the support of several on-campus organizations such as the English Department, the Writing Department, the Music Department, Event Services, GreyComm studios, etc. They

were also worried about the turnout due to some schedule changes—the event was supposed to take place before Thanksgiving break—but they needn't have worried given the turnout Wednesday night.

"I was so happy to see how many people were in the audience, supporting all the performers," Dontas said. "It was a lot of fun promoting the event and being part of something really great on campus."

Students are already requesting another event like this one in the near future.

"I believe the night was very successful," Anthony said. "The next one should be even bigger."

Dontas agrees, and confirms that another Loyola Rising will happen.

"Loyola Rising part two is certainly in the works."

Third album 'Til the Casket Drops' will become a Clipse fan favorite

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"Kind of a Big Deal" are strong enough to carry the weight of the song and shows us listeners that featuring-rappers-do-better-than-the-rapper-whose-song-it-is has been prevalent in rap lately. Kanye makes a bold statement saying he is Eminem meets Jay-Z, though.

"Counseling" produced by the Neptunes is a gem. Caution- this song is an attempt to justify misogynistic rap.

Pusha T, after Pharrell says, "He needs counseling" raps asking for open ears. "I used to be all about a phat a**/ Then I found a cutie with a flat a**/ Good head (intelligence), nice smile, but a flat a**/ Two out of three, s*** I couldn't let that pass"

Malice adds a little comedy to the song saying, "So many chicks, I can't pick a favorite/ My shrink even say, my behavior sick/ the hips to how shorty lick her lips/ Just a few thoughts that come to mind when I reminisce."

"Life Change," the last of the 13 songs on this album, kicks some knowledge to us about how lives change after experiencing or witnessing the faults of another person.

"Where I'm from, see us guys don't believe in love/ Can't believe what they doing to my n*** Buff/ Facing time, 25 to life. 25 the same thing as life" Pusha T offers us an alternative to a troubled life on his verse.

"I had left my family forsaken/ A trouble soul whose heart was also achin'/ So much dough, but my spirit ever so vacant/ Foul and flagrant I was taken off course/ But now I see clearly with the family of four/ Never did I deserve a two-seater Porsche/ Heart filled with remorse, my heart was such a mess/ Now I'm back on board due to the Lord's GPS" Malice gives hip-hop heads hope after his verse ends.

Til the Casket Drops is a favorite. Third time is always a charm and with their third album dropping today, we can only hope that they keep hip-hop alive by making good music until their casket drops.

~Good Luck on finals. See you all next year!

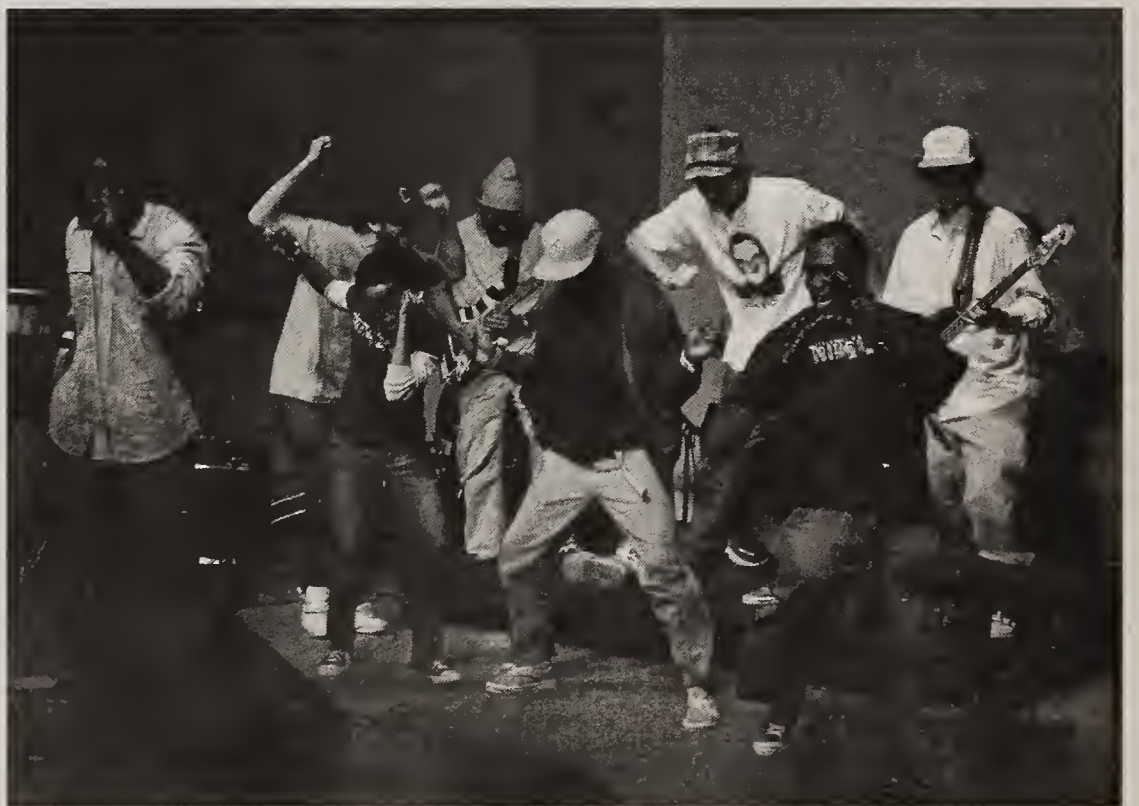


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A highlight of Loyola Rising occurred when Loyol favorite A Cool Stick invited fellow performers Mindstate Mix onto the stage during their set for a jam session.

ARIES (March 20-April 18) Deep emotional changes are now taking place. Over the next 8 days expect the silent observations of a friend or lover to be easily expressed. Previous delays or vague promises will no longer create

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controversy. In the coming weeks fast decisions and definitive action will require extra diplomacy.

TAURUS (April 19-May 19) Early this week loved ones may probe for detailed answers. If so, expect recent social changes or family gatherings to trigger unusual discussions. Group loyalties or yesterday's emotional patterns may be at issue: stay focused. Avoid being seduced into unnecessary arguments: no long-term solutions will be found. After Wednesday pay attention to workplace gossip or minor comments from key officials.

GEMINI (May 20-June 20) Family and social acceptance are on the rise this week. Before Thursday watch for unique messages or invitations from loved ones. Be flexible: your reaction is important. Later this week business delays will be unavoidable. For many Geminis a recent project may encounter a new or unusual debt. Refuse to be derailed: at present your creativity and dedication to group achievement will help move vital business partnerships forward.]

CANCER (June 21-July 21) Over the next few days loved ones may require assistance concerning financial security, business investments or long-term practical decisions. All is well, so not to worry. Do, however, watch for key home choices to be difficult or temporarily delayed. After Wednesday Cancerians born after 1978 will encounter an unexpected or perhaps bizarre romantic invitation.

LEO (July 22-August 22) Health, vitality and sleep patterns will now improve. Over the next few days watch for loved ones to become involved in unusual leisure activities or complex group relationships. For many Leos enthusiasm and social optimism are now an ongoing theme. Join in; it's time to create an atmosphere of acceptance. Friday through Sunday accents bold discussions with older relatives, authority figures or managers.

VIRGO (August 23-September 21) Money restrictions, business schedules and home agreements may cause brief delays. If so, expect improved security to arrive within the next four weeks. Remain patient and watch for loved ones to discuss past mistakes or unproductive doubts. Offer quiet assurance: your inner strength will be appreciated. After mid-week romantic relationships begin a seven week phase of renewed intimacy and bold

discussion.

LIBRA (September 22-October 22) Early this week loved ones may react quickly to new social facts. Relationships are complex at the moment but highly productive: wait for others to settle their own thoughts before taking emotional risks. Wednesday through Friday highlights minor workplace tensions and key discussions with authority figures. Misinformation or vague instructions may be a theme.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Important family information may be revealed before mid-week. Skepticism, doubt and feelings of isolation are all accented. Home relations may be more vulnerable than anticipated: remain open to unusual proposals. Tuesday through Friday workplace relationships may be mildly strained. Key issues involve workplace competition, hidden agendas and fear of change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 20) Workplace relations will be complex and poorly defined over the next few days. Key issues may involve money limitations and yesterday's promises. Stand your ground: your creativity and long-term intentions are valid. Later this week a recently despondent family member may reveal unexpected social or financial information.

CAPRICORN (December 21-January 19) Complex social or family promises may be briefly delayed this week. Go slow and expect unusual home reversals. Key concerns may involve emotional triangles or dependent relationships. After Wednesday workplace negotiations and private career discussions work strongly in your favor. Bosses or managers may ask for extra dedication. Don't hesitate: your prompt attention is vital.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Before next week business partners and key officials will rekindled interest in outdated projects. Promising ventures now need to be revisited: expect older colleagues and team leaders to opt for repeated programs, revised workplace roles or extra training. Use this time to introduce fresh concepts into an old plan: you won't be disappointed. After Thursday romance in fascinating; expect sensual banter to be difficult to resist.

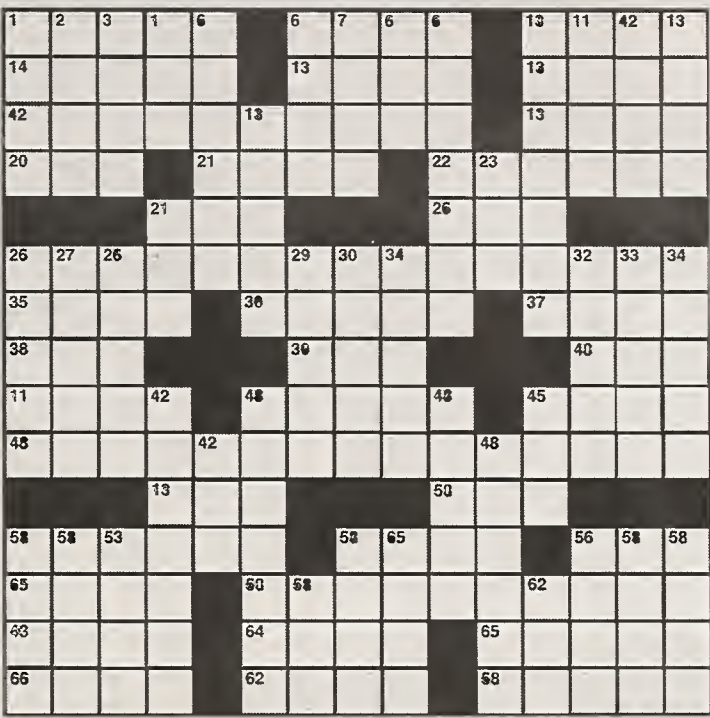
PISCES (February 19-March 19) Welcome new mental and verbal attention this week but take extra time to evaluate the potential of new relationships. Over the next six days social and romantic flirtations will be passionate but brief: carefully consider all invitations and proposals. After mid-week Pisceans born after 1982 will experience an unusual emotional triangle.

If your birthday is this week...over the next six weeks watch for a close friend or

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Urge forward
 - 6 Rock genre involving flamboyant garb
 - 10 Hasn't yet paid
 - 14 Gras
 - 15 Insolvent banking giant, familiarly
 - 16 Green Hornet's sidekick
 - 17 War on terror foe
 - 19 Yardstick division
 - 20 Cake-making aid
 - 21 1492 ship
 - 22 Crow's-nest cry
 - 24 Tex- cuisine
 - 25 Litigator's org.
 - 26 Elton John tribute rededicated to Princess Diana
 - 35 Util. product
 - 36 Crock-Pot meals
 - 37 Not in port
 - 38 Litigator's field
 - 39 "Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts": old song
 - 40 Hens do it
 - 41 Hwy. mishap respondents
 - 43 Three-time Masters champ Sam
 - 45 Crumbly cheese
 - 46 "Alice Adams" novelist
 - 49 Pickle holder
 - 50 Ballot marks
 - 51 Canal country
 - 54 Bar in a grill
 - 56 Tarzan raiser
 - 59 Economist Smith
 - 60 Donald Trump catchphrase, and hint to the first two, three and four letters, respectively, of 17-, 26- and 46-Across
 - 63 Donate
 - 64 Ticklish Muppet
 - 65 Exorbitant interest
 - 66 Change of a five
 - 67 Johnny of "Public Enemies"
 - 68 Sugar bowl cubes



By Holly Barnes

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- 1 Mosque official
 - 2 Leg-covering skirt
 - 3 Grand : auto race
 - 4 Publishing VIPs
 - 5 Model train giant
 - 6 Rock star Stefani or actress Verdon
 - 7 Vesuvius output
 - 8 French friend
 - 9 Islamic clerics
 - 10 1945 Pacific battle site
 - 11 Magician's rod
 - 12 Engrave, in a way
 - 13 Manhattan district
 - 18 Repairs
 - 23 Honest prez
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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TYLER FITZPATRICK/GREYHOUND

Jamal Barney scored 22 for the Hounds off of the bench against Morgan State. The Hounds were able to keep Morgan State at bay and come away with a big win.

Men's basketball defeats tournament hopeful Morgan St., drops two conference games

BY PATRICK TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The Loyola Men's Basketball team played Morgan State on December 1 and came out with a big-time 78-66 win led by junior guard Jamal Barney.

When Coach Patsos told me earlier in the year in a post-game interview of his theory of bringing a guy like Barney off of the bench, I was a bit skeptical.

I guess that's why he's getting paid to coach and I'm only writing about the game.

Barney was just what the Hounds needed against a strong, potential NCAA Tournament team.

Even with Barney's strong play, the Hounds were always going to need more than

just one player stepping up, and that's what makes Loyola the team it is.

When it was time to respond, senior leader Brett Harvey stepped up and scored five of his 15 points during a 7-0 run that kept Morgan State at bay.

The run started with Harvey hitting a mid-range jump shot and ended with him hitting a three after a huge steal off of an in-bounds pass by Jawaan Wright. Wright also hit a pair of free throws in between Harvey's shots.

Anthony Winbush also came up big for Loyola, scoring 13 points. There were four players tied on Loyola with five rebounds a piece, showing how useful it is to have balanced play.

Morgan State tried to get back into the game, but they couldn't quite get the

Men's Basketball Schedule

12/9 - Coppin State
12/19 - Howard
12/22 - Indiana
12/28 - Bucknell
01/02 - Rider*
01/04 - Siena*

Women's Basketball Schedule

12/20 - UMBC
12/28 - Drexel
01/03 - Iona*
01/05 - Fairfield*

* - denotes conference play

NFL's new concussion rule a step forward for player's safety

BY KYLE ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Slurred speech, blurred vision, headaches, nausea and memory loss are some of the most common yet frightening side effects of concussions. And traditionally in the NFL, these were the side effects that many athletes would play through, from week to week.

Thankfully, the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell have enacted a new policy regarding concussions and a player's game eligibility.

Starting last week, any player who has sustained a concussion in a game or practice will be examined by a neurologist and must pass a neurological examination before returning to play.

As reported by the Associated Press, any player who has sustained a blow to the head and cannot remember simple plays, has memory loss, is dizzy or unbalanced, or has lost consciousness will not be allowed to return to the game or practice.

Considering the recent case of Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, this new policy has arrived just in time.

After leaving a game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Nov. 22 with a concussion,

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Women's Basketball edges out Mount St. Mary's in close one, falls to Towson and Maryland to end road trip

BY RICH CONFORTI
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over the past week, Loyola split a pair of games against two of their local rivals starting with a 48-45 victory over Mount St. Mary's.

The team followed that effort with a heartbreaking loss to the Greyhound's closest geographic rival, the Towson Tigers on Dec 3rd.

The Tigers defeated Loyola 68-66 in what turned out to be a very closely contested game.

The game was deadlocked at 65 with just five minutes remaining, when the Tigers would take the lead for good on a three-point shot from Simona Petronyte.

Kaitlin Grant led the way for the Hounds, nearly recording a double double with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Miriam McKenzie once again flirted with

the 20-point mark, scoring 19 points to go along with her six rebounds. Not to be outdone, Towson's Shanae Baker-Brice led all scorers on the day with 21 points.

The second half proved to be a back-and-forth battle, as it saw 14 lead changes as well as six instances where the two teams were deadlocked.

On Nov 28th, Loyola fought back from an 18-point second half deficit to earn a hard-fought victory over Mount St. Mary's. Trailing by one with just over a minute to go, Grant forced a turnover that would give Loyola its first lead of the game.

Meredith Tolley would nail the free throws that would seal the game for the Hounds.

Grant was once again stellar for Loyola, leading all scorers with 17 points and an incredible 12 steals.

The total would break the school record, which was set by Grant herself last season. McKenzie would once again prove to be an

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JESSE DEFLORIO/GREYHOUND

Women's basketball standout Meredith Tolley scored twelve points against Towson in 35 minutes of play. Towson just barely beat Loyola by a score of 68-66 in a hard fought, down-to-the-wire competition.

Men's Basketball falls to Canisius, Niagara in MAAC play

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MAAC foes.

Harvey would finish the game by scoring a season high 28 points. Barney and Brian Rudolph were the only other Loyola players in double figures with ten and eleven respectively.

"I thought that Harvey played great. He played hard and he played well," said Coach Patsos. "He's the heart and soul of our team and the heart and soul of the program."

The Hounds scored on their first two possessions of the game, but ended up going through a dry spell for ten minutes where they did not convert a field goal.

Canisius took advantage during this time, and ended up taking a 14-6 lead over the Loyola.

It wasn't long until the game really picked up and Loyola kept the Golden Griffins within an arm's reach.

Jamal Barney launched a three just over the mid-court line just as time was expiring, and the Hounds went into halftime down by five instead of eight.

Canisius held the lead for most of the second half, but Loyola kept creeping closer. About mid-way through the second half, Loyola eventually tied the game on a Barney three pointer.

The Golden Griffins responded in a big way going on a 13-0 run that put Loyola away.

Harvey scored twelve points over the final nine minutes, but that wasn't enough to propel the Hounds forward past Canisius.

"I thought Friday night [at Canisius] was a game we definitely could have won," said Patsos.

The Hounds would go on to play Niagara on Sunday in their second MAAC game of the season. Loyola has been a fast break oriented

team this year, but on Sunday they would be undone by speed and pressure from Niagara.

The game started up well for Loyola with Bretty Harvey hitting a three pointer, but Niagara used their up-tempo style and ran past the Hounds, scoring ten straight points.

Even though the Purple Eagles jumped out to such a quick start, Loyola soon caught up to their conference rivals.

Multiple times throughout the half the Hounds pulled within one point of Niagara, but they couldn't quite capitulate.

The rest of the game wouldn't get any better for the Hounds, with The Purple Eagles using a 12-2 run to put Loyola away for good.

The difference in the game was, without a shadow of a doubt, the fast break. Niagara held a 26-4 advantage over Loyola in fast break points, and that just about sums up the game. The Hounds eventually lost by a score of 77-57.

"We're a young team," said Patsos. "Niagara was a good team and we just ran out of gas. We've been on the road for four days, but it's been a good learning experience."

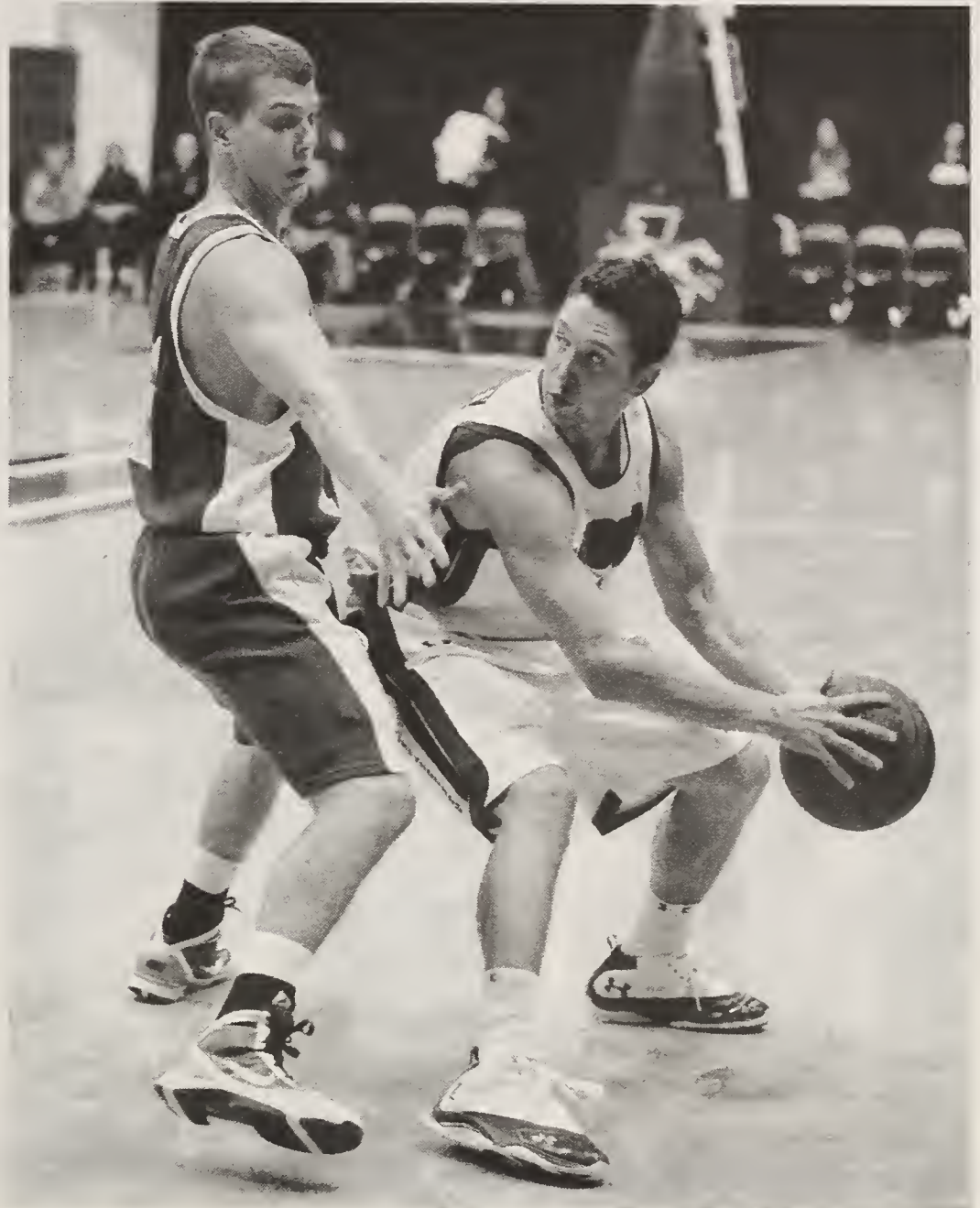
The Hounds won't be able to rest up much before playing host to Coppin State on Wednesday night in Reitz Arena at 7:30 pm.

Loyola will need to win this game if they are going to stay above five hundred, seeing as how they sit at 4-4 right now.

"Our first goal is to have a winning season," Patsos said after Sunday's game. "The thing is, we have good enough players to have a winning season."

One thing the Hounds definitely need to do is try to improve each game, which was something Patsos agreed with.

"We just need to learn," said Patsos. "This won't be the same team in March."



TYLER FITZPATRICK/GREYHOUND

Brett Harvey scored fifteen points for the Hounds against Morgan State, including five points during a key 7-0 run. The Hounds ended up beating Morgan State by a score of 78-66.

Women's Basketball end road trip by falling to nationally ranked UMD

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offensive force, ending the day with 16 points accompanied by five rebounds.

Loyola staged quite a turnaround from a poor first half effort in which they shot 12.5% from the field.

The Hounds came out of the half firing, starting the period on a 13-0 run that would put them back in the game.

The real action of the game came with about a minute left to play in the contest when Grant stole the ball and took it down court to give the Hounds their first lead of the game.

Grant and McKenzie combined for 26 points in the second half, including 14 points for McKenzie.

The Hounds beat Mount St. Mary's in a close one, but they would soon feel heartbreak against the Towson Tigers and the University of Maryland.

The sixth and final game of the Hounds' road trip was also arguably it's hardest competition against nationally ranked Maryland.

The Terrapins had two big guns that really did a number on Loyola, and they were Tianna Hawkins and Diandra Tchatchouang.

Hawkins pulled down ten boards for Maryland and also had a game-high 22 points. Tchatchouang contributed to the Terrapin cause with 20 points.

It was a very balanced afternoon for

Loyola, with Devon Carey leading the way with a career high eleven points. McKenzie would end the game with nine, while Grant finished with eight points and ten rebounds.

McKenzie kept the game close, heading into halftime after her buzzer-beater for three pulled the Hounds to within six of their in-state rivals.

The first part of the second half Loyola looked as though they could take down the national giants.

The Hounds held Maryland as long as they could while they tried to dig away the lead, but the Terrapins eventually got the lead back up to eight points.

It wasn't long until Maryland showed their class and the lead was back up to double digits.

Loyola will now finally get to rest after being on the road for six straight games. Their next game comes December 20th at Reitz Arena against another local rival, UMBC.

The Hounds have fourteen days to rest up and get ready for what will certainly be a good match for both teams.

Right now, the Hounds sit at 3-5 overall, and they will head into conference play after a few more tough matches against Drexel, UMBC, and either San Francisco or Villanova.

The Hounds will look to get a run of wins going before MAAC play begins.



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Erica DiClemente and company were taken down in a heartbreaker against Towson just days after beating rival Mount St. Mary's in a closely contested game.

NFL puts concussion rule in place, NCAA looking to follow

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the Pittsburgh Steelers decided to sit their franchise quarterback the following week against division rival Baltimore. While the concussion was Roethlisberger's fourth since 2006, he still caught flak from numerous journalists and teammates for missing the game.

In particular, Big Ben received heat from wide receiver Hines Ward, who felt that Roethlisberger could have played the game, despite lingering headaches. In effect, Roethlisberger's critics were telling him to forget about his throbbing brain, and focus on the game.

Players fight through injuries all the time in NFL. But don't be mistaken, playing through turf toe is not the same as playing with blurred vision and memory loss. It's time NFL players check their ego and their machoism at the door. And hopefully the NFL's new concussion problem will help end the debate over whether players should fight through head injuries.

Importantly, the policy requires all NFL teams to consult an independent neurologist in addition to the team's employed neurologist.

However, the policy continues by saying players "are to be encouraged to be candid with team medical staffs and fully disclose any signs or symptoms that may be associated with a concussion."

Considering an Associated Press poll of 160 NFL players found that 30 had lied about suffering concussions so they could return to the field, it is unlikely that all players will sit out due to the lingering effects of a concussion.

While the new policy certainly isn't fool-proof, it has paved the way for further guidelines protecting athletes. And now that the NFL has stepped up, it is time that the NCAA does the same thing.

Many NFL athletes play through serious injuries because their paychecks depend on it. No one wants to enter free agency after missing half of last season, so these players

fight through the pain and frequently injure themselves worse.

While NCAA athletes are not earning a paycheck, they do face similar pressures. No college graduate wants to enter the NFL draft carrying the stigma of being constantly injured and weak. That being said, it is probable that many college athletes fight through similar head injuries in order to improve their chances of playing professionally. And while a few more professional careers may be born, countless other college athletes will suffer from the lingering effects of playing through injury.

Obviously without a football team, Loyola's training staff sees fewer concussions than many bigger schools, but the risk of head injuries is still very high in lacrosse and even soccer. At the club level, hockey and rugby also pose serious risks for those playing.

No one wants to imagine one of Loyola's student athletes playing through a serious head injury, and if the NCAA decides to enact a similar strategy as the NFL many injuries

will be avoided.

If the NCAA puts a policy in place restricting the eligibility of injured athletes, the responsibility of playing injured is completely removed from the athlete. All aspiring athletes want to compete regardless of injury, but if they are not eligible, the entire decision making process has been removed. For the player's benefit.

While the new policy has the right motives, it is only a step in the right direction. Players will still find a way to play injured, (considering the clause which asks all players to be truthful about injuries) but it will be much more acceptable for athletes to sit out when hurt.

Hopefully further action will be taken by the NFL to protect players, but until then we will probably hear from more disgruntled teammates who wish their quarterback would man up and play with ringing in his ears and extreme nausea.

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